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Dr. L. A. DuBridge, Chairman
Science Advisory Committee
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. DuBridge:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 27. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity of spending some time with you and your Science Advisory Committee of ODM.

We are continuing our discussions with the Department of State regarding support, along the lines of our recent conversation, of the Science Office and the scientific attaches.

I am very glad that you are proceeding with the examination of the problems involved in the resumption of international scientific congresses to be held in this country. It is a problem that is of concern to all of us, but one in which the Agency can not take the open initiative. In my opinion, action should come from the scientific community. We would appreciate being kept informed of the progress which you make.

Both Dr. Chadwell and I are particularly interested in the views expressed in your last paragraph and would welcome particularly from you help in identifying those types of problems that can be most effectively handled by the mechanism of special intensive studies by a small group of top scientists. Your experience in this type of activity makes you particularly qualified to recognize those projects which lend themselves to this mechanism with the greatest promise of benefit to the overall intelligence effort.

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Dr. Chadwell and I are looking forward to your keeping in touch with us upon your visits to Washington, as was suggested in our conversation in my office.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Dr. DuBridge:

Thank you for your kind letter of recent date. I, too, enjoyed the opportunity of spending some time with you and your Science Advisory Committee of ODM.

We have not heard the final decisions reached in the Department of State regarding the Science Office and the scientific attaches. You will doubtless be informed of the results of our joint efforts as soon as we are.

I am heartened by your statement that you are proceeding with the examination of the problems involved in the resumption of international scientific congresses to be held in this country. It is a knotty problem - one which is of concern to all of us, but one in which the Agency can not take the open initiative. In my opinion, action should come from the scientific community. We would appreciate being kept informed of the progress which you make.

Both Dr. Chadwell and I are particularly interested in the concepts mentioned in your last paragraph and would welcome particularly from you the identification of those types of problems that can be most effectively handled by the mechanism of special intensive studies by a small group of top scientists of the country over a short period of time. Perhaps your experience in this type of activity has resulted in recognizing that sort of a project which lends itself to this mechanism with the greatest promise of benefit to the overall intelligence effort.

Dr. Chadwell is looking forward to your keeping in touch with him upon your frequent visits to Washington, as was suggested in our conversation in my office.

Very truly yours,

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

January 27, 1954

Mr. Allan Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The presentation made by Mr. Amory, Dr. Chadwell and other members of the CIA staff to the Science Advisory Committee of ODM on January 22 and 23, 1954, was most illuminating and useful to us. We appreciated also your own willingness to spend some time with us discussing problems of mutual interest.

We are glad to learn that we have a common interest in retaining support of the home and overseas staffs of the Science Office in the State Department. We hope there will be success in this endeavor.

We also hope that we can proceed with examination of the problems involved in admitting scientists to this country for short periods to attend officially sponsored international scientific congresses - without exclusion because of political views or affiliations. The U. S. would profit in many ways if such gatherings could again be held.

The presentation we heard impressed us with the difficulty of obtaining and evaluating information on the scientific and technical activities going on behind the iron curtain. The problem is made easier in cases where physical samples of products are available to us for analysis, e.g., radioactive air samples, pieces of material available for micro-analysis. It was our thought that you might possibly wish to enlarge the laboratory facilities available to you for such analyses, possibly by arrangements with a group in an existing Defense or AEC laboratory.

Evaluating technical information presents formidable problems and requires experience, imagination and judgment. You have competent scientists on your staff and you use many more as consultants. We made

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the suggestion to you and Dr. Chadwell that it is possible that special intensive studies each devoted to a certain problem by a group of the top experts of the country, who would give full time over several weeks, might be useful to you in exploring new ideas. This would also give training to these experts so that they would be more useful to you in the future. We would be glad to discuss with your staff the possible mechanisms for such a study.

Very truly yours,



L. A. DuBridge, Chairman
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